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NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGE

Corporation Filing Requirements

As a result of numerous customer requests and in our ongoing effort to provide excellent customer service, the Secretary of State drafted language for inclusion in [Senate Bill 998](#), chaptered on July 20, 2007 and effective January 1, 2008, making the following three significant changes to corporations' filing requirements with our office:

- All domestic (California) stock and nonprofit corporations and all foreign (out of state or country) corporations must provide a street address when designating an individual as agent for service of process. A post office box address no longer is acceptable.
- All domestic (California) stock and foreign (out of state or country) corporations must provide their mailing address on the Statement of Information, if the mailing address is different from the street address of the corporation's principal executive office.
- All domestic (California) nonprofit corporations must provide their mailing address on the Statement of Information, if the mailing address is different from the street address of the corporation's principal office in California or if the corporation has no principal office address in this state.

These changes eliminate the difficulty customers have experienced when attempting to serve personally an agent of a corporation at a post office box address while still allowing a corporation to include a separate post office box address for mailing purposes.

Documents filed on or after January 1, 2008, must meet the statutory filing requirements of the new law. New Statement of Information forms will be posted to the Secretary of State's website at http://www.sos.ca.gov/business/bpd_forms.htm as of January 1, 2008. New forms may not be filed prior to January 1, 2008 and old forms cannot be accepted after December 31, 2007.

A complete copy of Senate Bill 998 is available on the California Legislative Counsel's website at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>.

PLEASE NOTE: The legislative changes only apply to corporations.